

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of embedding data in material ~~comprises the~~ including steps of: embedding data in original material to produce data embedded material; removing the watermark from the data embedded material to produce recovered material; comparing the original and recovered material to determine the differences and locations of differences therebetween; and storing the said locations and corrections which correct the said differences.

~~A method of removing the data embedded in the material, comprises the steps of:~~

~~removing the data from the material to produce recovered material; deriving the said corrections and locations from the said store; and using the corrections to correct the recovered material at the said locations. A method of embedding data in material, preferably comprises the steps of: producing transform coefficients  $C_i$  representing a spatial frequency transform of the material, and~~

~~combining the coefficients  $C_i$  with the data bits  $R_i$  to produce a modified coefficient  $C_i'$  where~~

$$C_i' = C_i + \forall_i R_i$$

~~the method further comprising determining  $\forall_i$  for each unmodified coefficient  $C_i$  as a function  $F\{C_n\}_i$  of a predetermined set  $\{C_n\}_i$  of transform coefficients  $C_n$  which set excludes the coefficient  $C_i$ .~~

[Figures 3A, B and 4]